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Cc: Bob Breen
Subject: letter to Department of Fish and Game

Melissa -

Bob Breen said you will forward letters like this to the right people for the MLPA discussions. Thanks! -- Jenna

To: Department of Fish and Game MLPA Decision Makers

From: Jenna Kinghorn, Friends of Fitzgerald Marine Reserve board member, volunteer, and newsletter editor

RE: Providing Greater Protection for Fitzgerald Marine Reserve

I am a member of Friends of Fitzgerald Marine Reserve because I think the reserve is a very special place that provides an amazing outdoor educational experience for students of all ages. I want to help protect it for future generations. During the process of designating Marine Protected Areas for the North Central Coast of California, I urge you to provide the strongest possible protections for Fitzgerald Marine Reserve.

It seems to me that the "ribbon" proposal put forward by recreational fishers will simply continue the problems that I already see at the reserve as a volunteer: it will be difficult for our already overtaxed rangers to enforce, it will continue to undermine the recovery of the monkey face eel and rock prickleback eel populations, and it will make it difficult to properly study the impacts changing environmental factors such as warming waters.

On a more personal level, I find it very hard to explain to visitors that this is a reserve and they are not allowed to harm or remove anything while people with fishing licenses walk past with buckets filled with their catches! Please make Fitzgerald Marine Reserve a place where all visitors must abide by the same no-take rules.